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Preben Lexow et al.

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For: Method for Characterising Polynucleotides

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

MS Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated January 22, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the attached declaration executed by Preben Lexow and petition requesting that the declaration also be considered executed by Preben Lexow on behalf of Erlend Ragnhildtsveit who has refused to sign the declaration. Applicants also submit herewith a request for one month extension of time and the requisite fees for the extension of time, petition (as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(g)) and surcharge (as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.492(h)). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30986/41551.

Application No. 10/553,113
Response dated April 11, 2008
Reply to Office Action of January 22, 2008

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Consideration of the application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Dated: April 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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